

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Methamphetamine is a serious problem that affects every segment of our society. It is a dangerous, addictive drug that devastates the lives of adults, children and families; and,

Whereas, Methamphetamine destroys the abuser both mentally and physically and it also destroys the abuser's family; and,

Whereas, Methamphetamine produced in homes, apartments, hotels and motels creates toxic waste and a risk of fire, explosion and long-term contamination; and,

Whereas, Wherever one finds methamphetamine, one also finds identity theft, burglary, violence, child abuse and neglect; and,

Whereas, Anyone can become addicted to meth, regardless of his or her economic status, upbringing or potential; and,

Whereas, The meth epidemic in South Dakota places an undue burden on the state's public safety, human services, education and employment services; and,

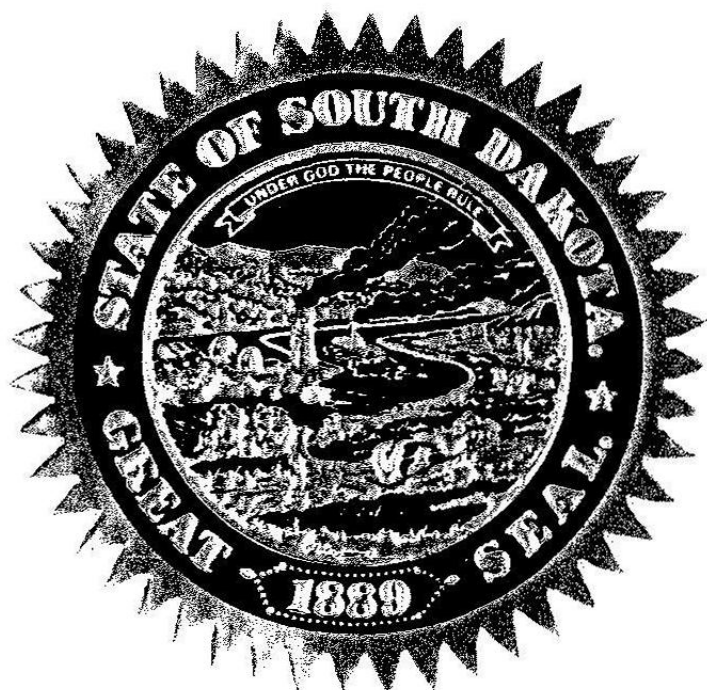
Whereas, An understanding of the tragic consequences associated with methamphetamine is crucial to its eradication. We need the support of the entire community, not simply law enforcement, in order to solve this problem and to increase prevention, education and treatment; and,

Whereas, The manufacture, sale and use of methamphetamine in South Dakota must be stopped:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State